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- 3) that without my knowledge, the English translation that I received did not correspond to PCT International Application PCT/JP00/03911 for the above-identified application, although the accompanying papers did correspond to the above-identified application;
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